



Newark Weather Report: **Gale Storm predicted** for the **20th Annual** Friends of Old Time Radio Convention Oct. 19-21, 1995 Holiday Inn North · Newark, NJ

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Ivan Cury – Bobby Benson
Ray Erlenborn – (Sound effects artist)
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews
Paul Masterson (Announcer)
Gale Storm – My Little Margie
Gil Stratton, Jr. – My Little Margie
Dick Van Patten – Aldrich Family, Duffy's Tavern
Peggy Webber – Dragnet, Pete Kelly's Blues

New East Coast Guests

Eugene Clark – (Engineer for Mutual)
Ed Jordan – (Announcer)
Mary Jane Mastapeter – (Casting)

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbro – (Announcer) ABC
Barney Beck – (Sound effects artist)
Jackson Beck – (Announcer) Superman, Mark Trail
Lon Clark - Nick Carter
Bob Dryden – Superman, ILAM
Win Elliot – (MC) Quick as a Flash
Fred Foy – (Announcer) The Lone Ranger, Sgt. Preston of the Yukon
Earl George – Captain Midnight, Doc Savage
Ed Herlihy – (Kraft Spokesman)
Raymond Edward Johnson - Inner Sanctum
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend, Quiet Please
Abby Lewis – House in the Country, Road of Life
Ted Mallie – (Announcer for Mutual including The Shadow)
Bill Owen – (Announcer for Mutual)
Clive Rice – Bobby Benson

Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews
Adele Ronson – Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife
Terry Ross - Sound effects artist
Whit Vernon – Lone Ranger
Frances von Bernhardt – (Casting Director)
Betty Wragge – Pepper Young's Family

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Wednesday

Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee: 6 – 10 pm

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5 pm
Radio to Screen (Bob Madison)
TV to Radio (Jack French)
OTR and the Computer (Bob Burnham)
Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 1994, "The Whistler" will be presented. Written by Michael Giorgio
Program presented by Bela Lugosi, Jr. and Sara Karloff

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Jack French presents Tribute to Mutual with Clive Rice, Gene Clark, Ivan Cury, Barney Beck, Ed Jordan, others
Amos 'n' Andy (Harmless entertainment of harmful stereotyping) (Gary Yoggy, Joel Senter, Mitchell Weisberg)
Celebrity's Wives (Meridy Erlenborn and others)
Gotham Radio Players present The Lights Out tale of "One Day It Rained Blood"
Tribute to Phil Harris and Alice Faye (Larry and John Gassman)
Musical Program with Lee Munsick
Gary Yoggy presents World War II: Radio Reports and Celebrates our Victory

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

FOTR Variety Show with an informal look at 20 years of FOTR Convention including **Boogie Woogie Girls & Company E.** Casting to be announced

Re-creation of **Arsenic and Old Lace**

Author's Panel: Participants so far are **David Bakish, Gary Yoggy, Gregory Koseluk with Brian Gari, Art Pierce and Connie Billips**

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Anthony Tollin leads **Pulp to Radio** with **Lon Clark and Adele Ronson**

Jeff Muller leads a sports panel with **Gil Stratton, Jr., Win Elliot**

Dave Warren Players re-create **Mr. Keen**

Raymond Edward Johnson presents...

Announcer's panel with **Bill Owen, George Ansbro, Ted Mallie, Jackson Beck, Ed Herlihy, Ed Jordan, Fred Foy, others**

Re-creation of **Nightbeat** with **Peggy Webber** and others.

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Re-creation of **My Little Margie** with **Gale Storm, Paul Masterson, Gil Stratton, Jr. Dick van Patten, Bob Hastings:** Followed by a panel of the cast

I Remember Mama with **Rosemary Rice and Dick van Patten**
Awards, raffle, donations, brief guest appearances

Getting There

By Air: **Continental Airline** is the official air line for our convention. Details on attached sheet.
Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **FRONTAGE ROAD** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **FRONTAGE ROAD**.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door.** Take advantage of our early-bird special described on attached sheet.

Wednesday, October 18th; Complimentary wine and cheese from 6 - 10 pm

Thursday, October 19th; Daytime only (9 - 5); \$10

Thursday, October 19th; Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) **\$32.00 (\$29.00*).** Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate** choice when you make your reservation.

Friday, October 20th: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) **\$10.00** if paid in advance; **\$15.00** at the door.

Friday, October 20th: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) **\$43.00 (\$40.00*).** Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 21st: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) **\$10.00** if paid in advance; **\$15.00** at the door.

Saturday, October 21st: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) **\$50.00 (\$46.00*).** Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels Thursday, Friday and Saturday; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. **Hors d'oeuvres for evening guests only**

Dealer's Tables are \$40 or more each plus appropriate registration fees. If paid after October 1st, cost will be \$45 or more plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet

Hotel: \$62.00 for a single, \$67.00 for a double. **Reserve rooms with me when you send in convention registration.** Pay for rooms upon arrival. Rooms should be reserved by October 10th. Give me details such as names, nights, etc.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached notice.

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322

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Updated and Further Information

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 20th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page - 8 1/2 by 11 **\$80** **Half Page** - 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11 **\$48**
Quarter Page - 4 by 5 **\$28**

Dealers at our convention may take a 25% discount on the ad. Help support our 20th annual convention.

Wednesday

To All Wednesday Overnight Guests;

I will be arriving at the FOTR Convention Wednesday, October 18th, and with the help of several committee members, will have the dealers' rooms and Dresden Room prepared by late afternoon.

Come and join us for complimentary wine and cheese in the Dresden Room from between 6 and 7 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable and cheese platters. All committee members are also invited.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. We will have workshops in the afternoon.

Air Lines

Continental Airlines is again the official airline for our convention. We have special group rates which you can use. Call **1-800-468-7022** and give the person that answers a special number. The number is **NW3FTP**. Hours to call Continental are 7:30 am - 8 pm CST (Monday - Friday) and 8 am - 6 pm CST (Saturday and Sunday). Check Continental before you check your own agent.

Registration

For the third year in a row, **Registration cost are the same.** All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk and **save \$5.** Preregistration for the day only is **\$10 if mailed in advance** and **\$15 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$10** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, **add \$5** to the cost.

EARLY BIRD PRICES: There are special prices **IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1.** The prices with an asterisk (*) are these prices. Early bird prices are **Thursday (\$29); Friday (\$40); Saturday (\$46).** If you reserve early but do not pay until you arrive, you will pay the higher price. Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$40 to \$50 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$40 a table if paid before October 1.

Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. Smoking is allowed in the lobby, away from the convention area, or outside. There will be no smoking in the halls. Dealers in the Waterford room can go into the Lounge to smoke. Also, there will be **NO SMOKING near the registration table or dining area.** If you need to smoke, please go in front of the preregistration sign. We appreciate your cooperation.

Panel and Re-creation Participants

Please check tentative program enclosed for discrepancies, additions, correct titles and cast, etc.